

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-20. In this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 9, and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A. Claim Objections

According to the suggestion of the Examiner, Applicant has amended the word "round" to "around."

B. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has amended the claim, and respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The present invention discloses an indicating apparatus combined with a flash, including at least one LED for providing an indicating function, a flash module, and a light guide rod. Because the light guide rod is around the flash module, the light guide rod can provide protection from external forces to the flash module.

Further, Applicant hereby claims priority to Taiwan Patent Application No. I240139 filed on Jan 15, 2004 in the Action. The priority document will be submitted in due course. Further, due to translation error, Applicant amends "ESD" to "ES" in claims 1 and 9.

Moreover, paragraph [0031] teaches that the material of the light guide rod is a high transmittance material, such UL94V-0, transparent resin, glass or the combination thereof. The characteristics of these materials are anti-electrostatic materials or the materials that are unlikely to generate the electrostatic reaction, so that the light guide rod can protect the flash module from electrostatic (ES) effects.

Claims 1 to 18 comply with the enablement requirement in consideration of these amendments. Applicant believes that the response traverses the rejection under the enablement requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections set forth in the U.S. Office Action are respectfully requested.

C. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Regarding the claims, claim 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Yoshida, U.S. 2002/0112112.

First, the Applicant amends claim 19, "at least one LED" is amended to "a plurality of LEDs." Further, Yoshida et al. discloses a digital camera that has only one LED providing illumination and single indicating character. However, the present invention discloses an indicating apparatus has a plurality of LEDs, and provides not only the illumination and indicating character, but also employs the LED indicating apparatus around the flash module to provide a pre-flash function. The pre-flash function of the LED indicating apparatus is employed to shrink subjects' pupils for avoiding red-eye reaction. Moreover, using the pre-flash function of the LED indicating apparatus can reduce the usage times of the flash and extend the life of the flash. Therefore, the citation is different to the present invention.

Claims 19 and 20 are **novel** over the prior art disclosed. Applicant believes that the response traverses the rejection under novelty. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections set forth in the U.S. Office Action are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 386998048US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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